

D3

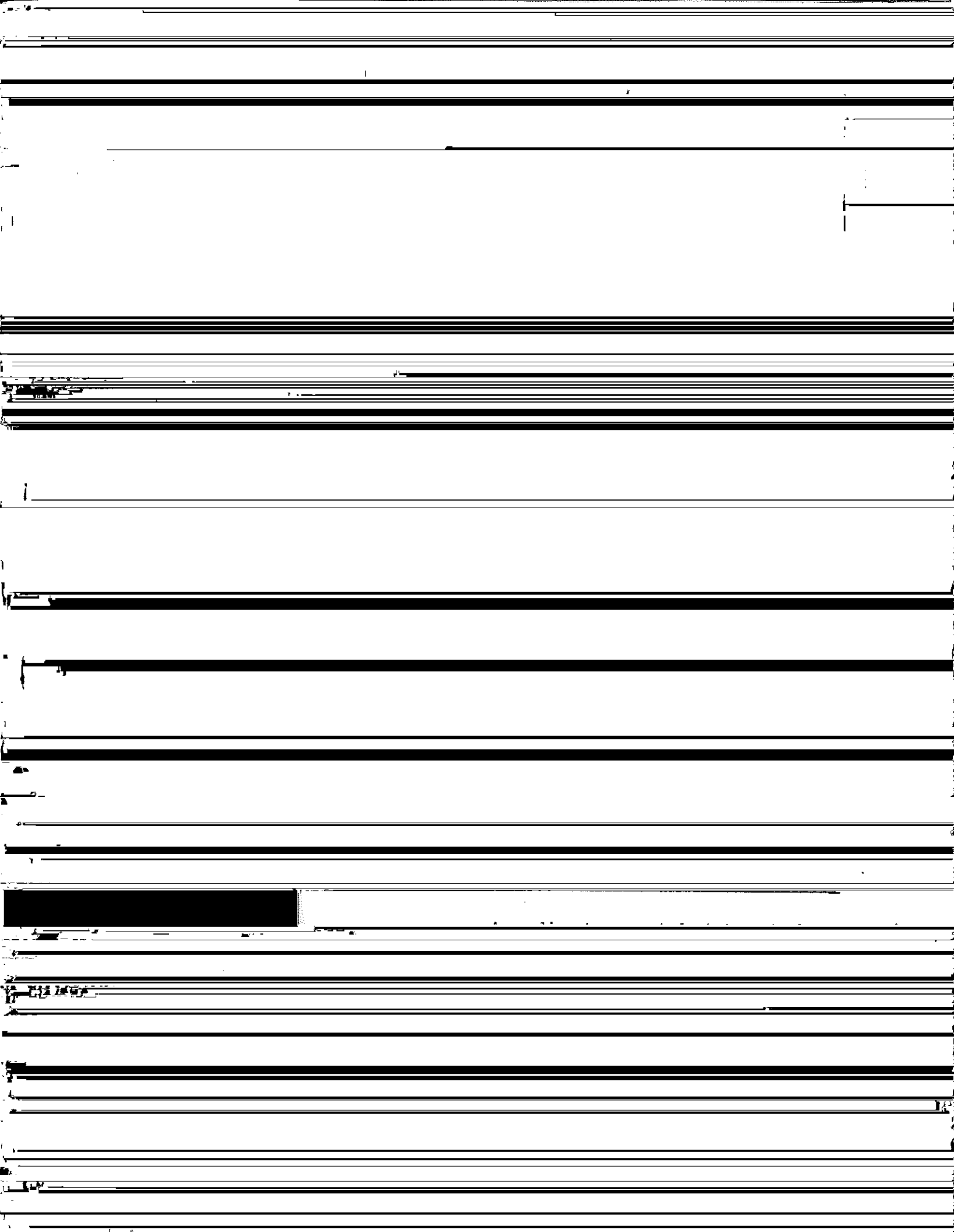
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

[The remainder of the page is heavily obscured by horizontal black bars, likely representing redacted information or a scanning artifact.]

Constitutional
and political
outline

Constitutionally the islands are an external Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia which governs the Territory under the Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act 1955-77. The Act empowers the Governor-General of Australia, as the representative of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, to make ordinances for the peace, order and good government of the Territory subject to Parliament's power

... is not only responsible for keeping the record and for all



Timed to coincide with a visit to the islands by Senator Reginald
[redacted] responsible for the affairs of the Territory,

Tr 1071 - 1072 - 1073 - 1074 - 1075 - 1076 - 1077 - 1078 - 1079 - 1080

1071

1072

1073

1074

1075

1076

1077

1078

1079

1080

1081

1082

1083

1084

1085

1086

1087

1088

1089

1090

1091

1092

1093

1094

1095

1096

1097

1098

ANNEX I

OBSERVATIONS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

As reflected in the foregoing sections, particularly in the account of the meetings held with representatives of the Australian authorities following its visit to the Territory, the Mission made a series of on-the-spot observations of a preliminary character covering various aspects of the situation prevailing in the Territory, including its views on possible courses of action which the authorities should take.

this respect, the Mission wishes to note the complete control exerted by Mr. Clunies-Ross, assisted by his manager, over the life of the community. The Mission accordingly recommends strongly that steps should be taken as soon as possible to devise appropriate means to disengage the links between the two entities, in order to put an end to this undesirable situation.

As reflected in the foregoing, during its discussion with Mr. Clunies-Ross, the Mission had the impression that he was not prepared to abandon the anachronistic, feudal relationship between himself and the Cocos Malay community. Also on several occasions during meetings with the Headmen, it appeared that most of them, owing either to a lack of understanding or to a fear to express themselves freely, saw no reason to interfere with the status quo, which perpetuates control of the Territory and its people by

the delegation of certain powers by the Minister to Mr. Clunies-Ross has
in the light of the situation the Minister therefore recommends that

[REDACTED]

recommends that the administering Power introduce the Australian dollar
throughout the Territory as the sole official currency. The Mission is of

[REDACTED]

BY
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

~~under Article 72(a) of the Charter Members administering Non Self Governing~~

Territories are "to ensure, with due respect for the culture of the peoples concerned, their political, economic, social and educational advancement ...", the Mission recommends that the administering Power take steps to restore and

foster the cultural life of the community.

The Mission regrets that primary education is not yet compulsory on Home Island and that the curriculum is limited in its scope. Furthermore, the Mission notes with concern that there is no secondary education. In addition, Mr. Clunies-Ross, who is at present mainly responsible for this vital sector of the social life of the community, informed the Mission that he did not

ANNEX II

CENTRAL ASSEMBLY DECISION 20/1/68 QUESTION OF TIME

ANNEX III

The table structure is largely illegible due to extensive redaction. It appears to have multiple columns and rows, with some text visible in the left margin and within the table cells, but it is mostly obscured by thick black bars.